

## Debate Speech Outline (Must Be Typed)

Title:

### I. Introduction

- A. Attention Getter (Question, Startling/Interesting Statistic, Startling Statement, Anecdote, Quotation, etc.)
- B. Thesis: Your position and 3-4 Main Ideas that support your position

### II. First Main Idea/Point that supports your argument. USE TRANSITIONAL PHRASES and powerful/appropriate vocabulary.

- A. First example illustrating point 1 (Include Source)
- B. Second example illustrating point 1 (Include Source)
- C. Third example illustrating point 1 (Include Source)
- D. Optional Examples
- E. Concluding thought for this point. Reconnect to thesis.

### III. Second Main Idea/Point that supports your argument. USE TRANSITIONAL PHRASES and powerful/appropriate vocabulary.

- A. First example illustrating point 2 (Include Source)
- B. Second example illustrating point 2 (Include Source)
- C. Third example illustrating point 2 (Include Source)
- D. Optional examples
- E. Concluding thought for this point. Reconnect to thesis.

### IV. Third and STRONGEST Main Idea that supports your argument. USE TRANSITIONAL PHRASES and powerful/appropriate vocabulary.

- A. First example illustrating point 3 (Include Source)
- B. Second example illustrating point 3 (Include Source)
- C. Third example illustrating point 3 (Include Source)
- D. Optional examples
- E. Concluding thought for this point. Reconnect to thesis

### V. 4<sup>th</sup> Main Idea (optional). Follow format listed above.

### VI. Power Conclusion

- A. Restate thesis
- B. Impact your reader by asking a question, challenging the reader, adding a powerful summary statement, restate the importance of the topic, paint a picture of what the world will be like in the future (in relation to your topic, etc.)

- VII. Rebuttal –
- A. Anticipate objections.
  - B. Establish common ground but immediately use transition to counter argue
  - C. Support position with evidence
  - D. Restate your three strongest points and explain why your argument is correct despite the opposition (keep appropriate tone!).